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1. THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS,
ANNOUNCED JULY 15, FOLLOW:

	NUMBER OF VOTES	NUMBER OF SEATS
APRA	1,241,174	37
PPC	835,294	25
FOCEP	433,413	12
PSR	232,520	6
PCP	207,612	6
UDP	160,741	4
FNTC	135,552	4
PDC	83,075	2
UNO	74,137	2
MDP	68,619	2
ARS	20,164	0
PDRP	19,594	0

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ARS AND PDRP BOTH FAILED TO PLACE IN THE ASSEMBLY AS EACH PARTY
GAINED FEWER VOTES THAN THE CIFRA REPARTIDORA 33,411 (THE NUMBER
DIVIDED INTO THE TOTAL VOTES OF EACH PARTY TO ALLOCATE SEATS).
TOTAL VALID VOTES NUMBERED 3,511,895. THE RESULTS OF THE PREFEREN-
TIAL VOTING FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY PRODUCED FEW
SURPRISES. ALL OF THE LEADERS OF THE TEN PARTIES WINNING SEATS IN

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WERE ELECTED - ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR PARTIES RECEIVED MORE VOTES. APRA'S HAYA DE LA TORRE RECEIVED THE LARGEST PREFERENTIAL VOTE, 1,038,516, FOLLOWED BY PPC'S BEDOYA REYES WITH 644,361 AND HUGO BLANCO OF FOCEP WITH 286,285 (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS).

2. THE PREPARATORY SESSION OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WILL BEGIN JULY 18. VICTOR RAUL HAYA DE LA TORRE, WHO OBTAINED THE LARGEST PREFERENTIAL VOTE IN THE JUNE ELECTIONS WILL BE PRESIDENT OF THE PREPARATORY SESSION.

THE PREPARATORY SESSION WILL APPROVE THE ORGANIZATION AND RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED DURING THE PREPARATORY SESSION IS THE COMPOSITION OF THE MANAGING COUNCIL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE HAYA DE LA TORRE WILL ALMOST SURELY BE ELECTED PRESIDENT, APRA MAY ATTEMPT ALSO TO OBTAIN THE VICE PRESIDENCY. REMAINING POSITIONS WOULD BE SHARED AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTIES PRESUMABLY ON A PROPORTIONAL BASIS. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE IS WHETHER "IMPORTANT QUESTIONS" WILL BE SETTLED BY A 51 0/0 OR 67 0/0 VOTE.

3. TWO OF THE RECENT DEPORTEES, GENERAL LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA (#1 ON THE PSR LIST) AND HUGO BLANCO (#3 ON THE FOCEP LIST), RETURNED TO PERU ON JULY 16 TO TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. UPON THEIR RETURN, BOTH STATED THAT THEIR

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RESPECTIVE PARTIES WOULD TRY TO FORM ALLIANCES WITH OTHER LEFTIST PARTIES IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. GENARO LEDESMA AND RICARDO NAPURI OF FOCEP AND JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO OF UDP, DEPORTED AFTER THE MAY GENERAL STRIKE, ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN JULY 23 TO TAKE THEIR SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. RICARDO LETTS, EXILED JOURNALIST AND UNSUCCESSFUL UDP CANDIDATE, WILL ALSO BE RETURNING JULY 23 BENEFITTING FROM THE JULY 14 GE S
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